GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:94
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2001
LONG TERM GRAIN POLICY
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RATTAN LAL KATARIA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high level committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abijit Sen formed toformulate long-term grain policy has submitted its final report;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations accepted by the Government;

(c) the steps taken to implement these recommendations;

(d) whether the Government propose to float tenders for procurement of foodgrains from farmers by doing away with the present scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the approximate annual expenditure incurred by the Government on procurement, handling and transportation of foodgrains?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d), (e)&(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.94 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA. ON 23-11-2001

(a): No, Sir.

(b)&(c): Does not arise.

(d): No concrete proposal in this regard is under consideration.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): The expenditure likely to be incurred on procurement, handling and transportation of foodgrains during the current financial year would be Rs.27,000 crores approximately.